

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-34 are allowed in the present patent application.

### **Concurrent Proceedings in U.S. Patent No. 5,710,461**

Based on the belief and understanding of the undersigned attorney, there are no prior or concurrent proceedings known to Applicant, the Applicants' legal representative the undersigned attorney, or the Assignee, in which the above-referenced patent is or was involved.

### **Information Material to Patentability of the Claims under Consideration in this Reissue Application**

Based on the belief and understanding of the undersigned attorney, there is no undisclosed information known to Applicant, the Applicants' legal representative the undersigned attorney, or the Assignee, which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in the above-referenced application.

### **Original Patent Document in U.S. Patent No. 5,710,461**

This patent was submitted to the Office on September 26, 2001.

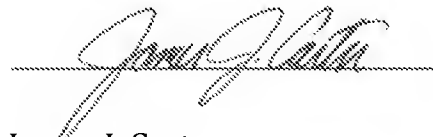
### **Conclusion**

Claims 1-34 are allowed in the present application. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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